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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. 16 cited references; and
4. Return receipt postcard.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicant(s) bring(s) the following documents to the Examiner's attention in the above-referenced application:

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,773,065, issued 11/20/73 to Mattox;
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,786,823, issued 01/22/74 to Wiley;
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,860,030, issued 01/14/75 to Mayer;
4. U.S. Patent No. 3,996,948, issued 12/14/76 to Wiley;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,314,671, issued 02/09/82 to Briar;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,450,600, issued 05/29/84 to Shelstad;
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,893,229, issued 01/09/90 to Detrick;
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,976,137, issued 12/11/90 to Decker et al;
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,999,763, issued 03/12/91 to Ousborne;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,020,556, issued 06/04/91 to Lamminen;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,033,489; issued 07/23/91 to Ferre et al;
12. U.S. Patent No. Re 33,849, issued 03/17/92 to Detrick;
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,148,570, issued 09/22/92 to Crotts et al;
14. U.S. Patent No. 5,320,121, issued 06/14/94 to Alexanian;
15. U.S. Patent No. 5,498,329, issued 03/12/96 to Lamminen et al; and
16. U.S. Patent No. 5,503,735, issued 04/02/96 to Vinas et al.

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

Citation of the above documents shall not be construed as:

1. an admission that the documents are necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention;
2. a representation that a search has been made, other than as described above; or
3. an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

To Applicant's knowledge, a first office action on the merits has not yet been mailed in this application. Therefore, no fee is due. 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

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